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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Evaluation USSR Electronics Capabilities

REFERENCE: SAPC 11451, 10 December 1956

1. I have discussed the attached with [] along the lines you indicated. [] points out that []

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a. This study gets into weapons systems analysis, which is clearly a Defense Department function, and

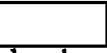
b. To accomplish the study would involve some diversion of OSI personnel.

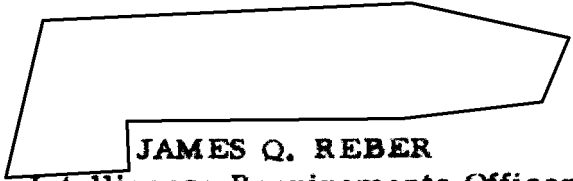
2. [] points out that in the latter regard OSI is going along doing routine work on nuts and bolts and is not flexible in jumping on the big problems when they present themselves as they were when he was the Deputy Assistant Director of that office.

3. It is his belief that the kind of study he has in mind will actually produce an evaluation of the capabilities of Soviet air defense. If the results showed them to be a lot better than we thought, implications for this Government are serious. If Soviet air defense is much less effective than is generally thought in the Government (which is his opinion), that, too, would have very significant repercussions.

4. My advice to him was that he ought to make his case in writing to General Cabell through whatever channels necessary by stating what I have just alluded to in more accurate terms but in those that can be understood by non-ELINT officers, and to state simply and clearly why he thinks this study cannot be induced either from the Department of Defense or in cooperation therewith. I

expressed the judgment that here is where he will have to come out regardless of what he says, and he might as well do it at the beginning. I predicted, otherwise, General Cabell will give him a hard time.

5. I think neither of us needs to take further action until  comes up with the paper, in which case I suspect you may be involved.


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